

MURRAY ART BEAT

A Publication for Murray Community Arts, May 2009

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AUDITIONS

Murray Arts in the Park auditions for Grease and Nunsense are scheduled together on Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12 from 7 to 9 pm at the Murray High Little Theater. Limited to ages 16 and older, everyone should come prepared to sing 16 bars of music of an upbeat song. Those auditioning for Grease should come prepared to demonstrate ability to dance. Accompanist will be available if needed or minus tracks are acceptable. Callbacks are scheduled May 16 from 9 am to 12 noon. Under the direction of Will Saxton (Grease) and Wendy Dahl-Smedshammer (Nunsense), the musicals will alternate nights from July 27 through August 8 in the Murray Park Amphitheater

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Secondary art show featuring the artistic talents of Murray's youth in grades 7-12 is set for May 5-7 at the Fashion Place Mall Dillard Court. This show will include artwork from students of Murray and Cottonwood High, Riverview and Hillcrest Jr High. Cash awards will be given to first place entries in the high school division and ribbons will be given for junior high winners. Entries are due to the Murray Parks Office or local art teachers no later than noon on May 4. Entries are limited to Murray residents or students attending public schools in Murray in grades 7-12. If space cannot accommodate all entries, the entries will be juried for display. Entry forms and rules may be picked up from the Murray Parks office or local art teachers.

Music composition and arranging competition entries are due June 1 in the Murray Parks and Recreation office. Limited to Murray residents, entries may include original compositions or arrangements for piano, instrumental ensembles, vocal solos, or ensembles with or without lyrics. Entries must include notated music and/or a tape of the music. Winning entries will receive cash awards and an opportunity to perform the entry where feasible. Entry forms are located at the Murray Parks Office.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

For place, time, and ticket info, phone 264-2614.

April 26-27	MHS Dance Company in Concert
April 25	Writing Workshop, Library
April 25	Murray Concert Band, MHS
May 5-7	Secondary Art Show at Fashion Place Mall
May 12	Miss Murray Pageant Orientation
May 15	MHS Art and Film Fest
May 16	Murray Symphony Concerto Night, MHS
May 30	SunShade n' Rain, Arts in Park Kickoff
June 1	Music Entries Due
June 8	Family Night Series, Great Basin Band
June 9	Lunch Concert begins
June 9	Marching Band Camp Begins at RJH
June 12	Matinee Series Begins with Magic
June 14	Fun Days Talent Show Entries Due
July 4	Murray Fun Days Celebration
July 13	Family Night Series - Latin Jazz
Aug 3	Drama Camp begins
Aug 10	Family Night Series - Hispanic Dance

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MHS Community Art Fest is scheduled for Friday, May 15 from 10 am to 3 pm in the high school plaza area followed by a film festival from 6 to 8 pm. Everyone is invited to participate including older residents. If you are part of a performing group or would like to display your arts or crafts, please contact Audra Kasparian at 264-7460 ext 305. We need community artists!

Miss Murray Pageant orientation is Monday, May 12 at 6 pm at Murray High in room 221. Young women between the ages of 17 to 24 years of age who are Murray residents are eligible to participate. The pageant is scheduled for September 13. For further information, please call Leesa Lloyd at 446-9233.

Literary Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 10:30 am to 12 noon at the Murray Public Library. "*Fresh Options for Preparing a Personal History*" will be presented in an interactive, engaging way by Paulette Stevens, nicknamed the "personal historian". This free introductory workshop will present a variety of ways a personal history can be developed with helpful hints for successfully beginning the process for anyone with a story to tell in addition to local resource people who can provide assistance. No registration required.

Murray Arts in the Park 2009 schedule and tickets are now available. Go to www.murray.utah.gov or pick up a schedule in the Parks Office. The opening show begins May 30 at 7:30 pm in the Murray Park Amphitheater featuring the oldies sound of SunShade 'n Rain. The season includes musicals of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, *Grease*, and *Nunsense* along with a storytelling festival, bluegrass festival, Polynesian concert, symphony, band, jazz band, and ballet.

FRIENDS OF MURRAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS are raising funds for a new community arts facility. They need both large and small donations. We are very excited that the county cultural facilities master plan recommends a regional performing arts center to serve communities of Murray, South Salt Lake, Holladay, and Taylorsville. We think a collaboration between surrounding communities could work efficiently. Contact Lynn Chatterton to see how you can be involved at 201-9150.

Murray Fun Days Parade Committee has a special request. Because of the economic downtown, many of our local cities and groups who typically provide a float entry for our parade are unable to do so this year. In response to this situation, we have designed a new Mini Float category. This concept has been implemented successfully in several parades around the state. As budgets are cut and money is tight, the idea of creating a Mini Float becomes more appealing. The mini float guidelines restrict the base to no larger than 8' x 10' and must include an artistic element. This will provide some artistic components to our community parade while significantly reducing the costs and time required to build it. The idea is to keep it simple and inexpensive. We think this could create a fun project for children, youth, families and local organizations and provide a way for our community to be more involved in this goal to create an interesting parade. Parade applications are now available at the Parks Office or on line.



Literary Competition Winners were awarded to Gae Cowley (Grand Prize) for her poetry entry, *They Found Me*. Other first place awards went to Theda Basset in Short Story and Non-Fiction and Lynn Wood in Children's Literature.

ZAP funding has provided a variety of local arts activities. In collaboration with Murray School District, music specialists were hired for all elementary schools, grades K-6. In addition ZAP funding was used to help pay for after school musicals, Missoula Children's Theater residency, and the upcoming *Beauty and the Beast* summer production.

Cemetery Tours May 18-21. Students will enjoy listening to stories of people buried in the Murray Cemetery during May. Other groups interested in a tour may phone 264-2638.

Help needed. We need help with storytellers for cemetery tours and evening ushers for the summer Arts in the Park series. Call 264-2638.



The Murray Heart to Art and History Campaign

Please return this form and your donation to:

Murray Cultural Arts, 5025 South State, Murray, Utah 84107

Yes! I want to help the Murray cultural arts maintain its arts and history programs.

Enclosed is my contribution. (May be tax deductible.)

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Please Note that if you are interested in supporting the Friends of the Murray Center for the Performing Arts, please send your donation in care of Lynn Chatterton, 6062 Mohican, Murray, Utah 84123. They are looking for both large and small donations.

We thank those who have contributed during the past two years.

Thank you.....You make a difference!

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